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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECTEA RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

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1. EVENING MAY 11 AMBASSADOR BRIEFED CROWN PRINCE HASSAN ON REFTEL. BRIEFING INCLUDED POINTS PARA 3 AND PARA 4. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO CROWN PRINCE THAT DURING WASHINGTON VISIT KING HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THAT HIS ADVICE HAD BEEN POSITIVE ON OUR PROPOSED PLANS. HASSAN SAID HE TOO AGREED VERY MUCH WITH WHAT WE INTENDED TO DO.

2. HASSAN ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPT TO PASS GENERAL INFORMATION ON OUR PROPOSED ACTION TO KING HUSSEIN. KING IS CURRENTLY IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. OFFICE OF PROTOCOL OR SY CAN PROVIDE CONTACT. I SUGGEST THAT INFORMATION BE BRIEFED TO LTGEN BIN SHAKER OVER THE TELEPHONE FOR PASSAGE TO KING. IF GENERAL BIN SHAKER CANNOT BE REACHED, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HIKMAT WOULD ALSO BE LOGICAL CONTACT.

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WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD INFORM ME WHEN INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO KING'S PARTY.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE CONVERSATION, HASSAN WAS IN TOUCH WITH ME AGAIN. HE MADE THESE POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO KING THAT WE WOULD APPROACH OUR RELATIONSHIP TO IRAQ SOMEWHAT MORE IN PARALLEL WITH WHAT

JORDAN WAS DOING, SINCE GOJ HAD ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH IRAQ TO PATCH THINGS UP. THIS THOUGHT MIGHT REPLACE FINAL PARAGRAPH POINTS IN REFTEL (PARA 4). HE HOPED IRAQIS COULD BE TOLD US HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JORDAN ON THIS POINT AS KING MAY ALSO WISH TO MENTION IT TO IRAQI AMBASSADOR HERE ON HIS RETURN TO AMMAN. HASSAN URGED TOO THAT WE CONSIDER HAVING SOMEONE DELIVER MESSAGE TO KING IN PERSON RATHER THAN BY PHONE. (THIS OF COURSE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE GIVEN DISTANCES INVOLVED). SOME OF THE ABOVE SEEMS TO BE LAST MINUTE WORRYING OF THE PROBLEM BY HASSAN WHO APPARENTLY RESPONDED ON HIS OWN RECENTLY TO IRAQI INITIATIVE FOR RAPPROCHMENT WITH JORDAN AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT PROCESS GIVEN SOME FURTHER STATUS AND ENHANCEMENT BY US ACTIVITIES. TO EXTENT IT CAN BE DONE I AM SURE HASSAN WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HIS VIEWS IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

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